

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims in order to reduce the initial filing fee by deleting the multiple dependent claims from the application. In addition, in view of the lack of unity of invention determined in the corresponding International Application, Applicants have canceled claims 21-43 solely to reduce the initial filing fee. Applicants retain the right to reintroduce any subject matter canceled by the present Amendment at any time during the prosecution of this application or any further application claiming benefit of this application. Also, an Abstract of the Disclosure has been added to the application to replace the original Abstract to avoid the use of possibly objectionable terms from the Abstract.

Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the Search Report which issued on International Application No. PCT/GB2004/004920, of which the present application is the U.S. national phase. All of the publications cited in the International Search Report are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. It is Applicants' understanding that, under the procedures of the PCT, copies of the cited publications will have been supplied to the U.S. Patent Office by the International Bureau. However, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if additional copies are necessary or would facilitate examination of the present application.

Otherwise, the Examiner is respectfully requested to return an initialed and dated copy of the attached Form PTO-1449 to confirm that all publications listed thereon have been considered and made officially of record in the file of this application.

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In view of the above amendments, and submission of information on the international search report, an early action on the application is now in order and is most respectfully requested.

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